Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowship Program (CFDA No. 84.094)

I. Legislation

Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, Title IX, Part B, as amended by P.L.103-208 (20 U.S.C. 1134d-1134g) (expires September 30, 1997).

II. Funding History

Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Fiscal Year	Appropriation
1981	\$10,000,000	1989	\$15,711,000
1982	8,640,000	1990	16,034,000
1983	10,000,000	1991	17,566,000
1984	11,000,000	1992	17,600,000
1985	11,750,000	1993	20,427,000
1986	11,245,000	1994	20,427,000
1987	11,750,000	1995	10,144,000
1988	15,304,000	1996	0

Note: Previous reports included the Fellowship (84.094B) and Service Fellowship (84.094C) programs and this report only includes the Fellowship program. The Service Fellowship program was not authorized in P.L.103-208.

III. Analysis of Program Performance

A. Goals and Objectives

This program was intended to provide grants for master's level, professional, and doctoral study to women and individuals from minority groups who are underrepresented in such programs and who demonstrate financial need. Program funding ended in FY 1995, and this is a close-out report on the program.

B. Strategies to Achieve the Goals

Services Supported

Fellowships were awarded to support financially needy minorities and women pursuing master's, professional, and doctoral study in fields in which they are underrepresented. The institution establishes a fellow's financial need in accordance with Part F of Title IV of the Higher Education Act, as amended.

In FY 1995, each Harris fellow was eligible for a stipend of up to \$14,400 for a 12-month period and for an institutional allowance of \$9,493 to cover tuition and other expenses.

In FY 1992 the maximum stipend was limited to \$10,000 for a 12-month period and the institutional allowance to \$6,000. The average fellowship, which included both the student stipend and the institutional allowance, was less than the \$16,000 maximum award because not all awards were made for the maximum 12-month period, and because awards were based on financial need.

Fellowship awards for master's or professional study were made for the normal period of time for completing the program, or a total of three years, whichever is less; however, fellows could receive fellowship support for up to 12 months more if a special justification was accepted by the Secretary. Fellowship awards for doctoral study could not exceed a total of three years, consisting of not more than two years of support for study or research and not more than one year of support for dissertation work. The institution provided two years of support for each grantee, including at least one year of supervised teaching, following the two years of predissertation support.

For FY 1992, the new master's and professional awards totaled 111, and 246 new doctoral fellowships were funded. In FY 1993, 218 new master's and professional fellowships were funded, and 266 new doctoral fellowships were funded. In FY 1995, 269 fellowships were funded.

C. Program Performance—Indicators of Impact and Effectiveness

See also Office-Wide Performance Indicators for the Office of Postsecondary Education displayed in the Overview (OPS) to the postsecondary education programs.

IV. Sources of Information

- 1. Program files.
- 2. Annual funding directory on grantees.
- 3. Student confirmation reports from grantees.

V. Planned Studies

None.

VI. Contacts for Further Information

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